

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ ~~in a~~ distributed computing system, comprising:  
a plurality of content subscribers coupled to a plurality of managed content locators and a plurality of managed content publishers on a network; and  
a system to manage content subscribers' access to content publishing resources ~~comprising including~~  
a content subscriber to request content;  
a content locator including downloadable features and receiving configuration updates through a component manager with configuration information in a central configuration database and/or directory service that enables a content subscriber to access an appropriate content publisher to locate one or more content publishers, wherein the appropriate content publisher includes downloadable features, receives configuration updates through a component manager, with configuration information in a central configuration database and/or directory service, and dynamically activates the requested content by locating, coordinating and presenting one or more content publishing resources to activate said requested content such that the appropriate content publisher can create or change content; and  
a license manager to control the content subscriber's access to said content publishing resources.
2. (Currently amended) The distributed computing system of claim 1, wherein the license manager generates  
one or more tokens according to one or more allocated access sessions that are

generated according to license policy criteria associated with the content subscriber; and  
a token monitor to initiate resource access according to ~~said-generated~~ the one or more  
tokens.

3. (Currently amended) The distributed computing system of claim 2, wherein the one or more allocated access session(s) ~~is~~ sessions are based on user licensing criteria.

4. (Currently amended) The distributed computing system of claim 2, wherein the one or more allocated access session(s) ~~is~~ sessions are based on application licensing criteria.

5. (Currently amended) The distributed computing system of claim 2, wherein the one or more allocated access session(s) ~~is~~ sessions are based on a combination of user licensing criteria and application licensing criteria.

6. (Currently amended) The distributed computing system of claim 1, wherein the content locator locates the appropriate content publisher by matching an attribute of the appropriate content publisher with an attribute of the requested content.

7. (Currently amended) The distributed computing system of claim 6, wherein the attribute of the appropriate content publisher is matched to an attribute of a user.

8. (Currently amended) The distributed computing system of claim 6, wherein the attribute of the appropriate content publisher is matched to a selected performance level of the content publishing resources.

9. (Currently amended) The distributed computing system of claim 1, wherein one or more components of the system are auto-configured.

10. (Currently amended) The distributed computing system of claim 1, further comprising a performance driver that changes a configured parameter of the appropriate content publisher according to a performance level of the content publishing resources on the appropriate content publisher.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently amended) The distributed computing system of claim 14, wherein the a system database or the a directory service stores the one or more allocated access ~~session(s)~~ sessions.

13. (Currently amended) The distributed computing system of claim 1, wherein the a system database or a directory service stores content subscriber attributes, content locator attributes, and content publisher attributes for use by component managers.

14. (Currently amended) ~~A In a content managing system comprising a plurality of content subscribers coupled to a plurality of content locators and a plurality of content publishers, a method for managing a content subscriber access to content on a network, comprising the steps of:~~

requesting a content file by a content subscriber, the content subscriber coupled to a plurality of managed content locators and a plurality of managed content publishers;

determining by a content locator, that enables a content subscriber to access an appropriate content publisher, where one or more content publishing resources resource(s) that are is required to activate the content file are located, the content locator including downloadable

features and receiving configuration updates through a component manager with configuration information in a central configuration database and/or directory service;

directing ~~said content~~ a request for the content file to the appropriate content publisher having the required one or more content publishing resources resource(s), the appropriate content publisher including downloadable features and receiving configuration updates through a component manager with configuration information in a central configuration database and/or directory service; and

activating the content file by locating, coordinating, and presenting said required one or more content publishing resources resource(s) such that the appropriate content publisher can create or change content.

15. (Currently amended) The method of claim 14, further comprising ~~the steps of:~~

creating one or more access sessions based on one or more policy criteria associated with the content subscribers;

generating one or more tokens by a license manager according to the access sessions;  
and

allowing access to publishing resources when the generated token is present.

16. (Currently amended) The method of claim 15, wherein ~~the creation of~~ creating one or more access session(s) sessions is based on application licensing criteria.

17. (Currently amended) The method of claim 14, further comprising ~~the step of:~~

configuring a system component of the content management system, wherein one or more configuration parameters associated with the component are dynamically uploaded onto the component.

18. (Currently amended) The method of claim 14, further comprising ~~the steps of:~~

configuring a system component of the content management system,  
wherein one or more configuration parameters associated with the component are  
accessed by the component; and

downloading the accessed configuration parameters by the component.

19. (Currently amended) The method of claim 14, further comprising ~~the steps of:~~

configuring a system component of the content management system according to one or  
more configuration parameters associated with the component ; and

changing the configuration parameters by a performance driver to maintain a  
performance level of the system component.